GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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IMPROVEMENT IN DTH SERVICES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy or made any legal arrangements in respect of Direct-to-Home (DTH) telecast system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to bring improvement in DTH services through diversification and multifaceted utility in the set top boxes.

(d) If so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is considering any other changes in the present policy in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADASTING(SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. After Cabinet decision in November 2000, Government issued guidelines for DTH service in the country on 15.3.2001 inter-alia providing for eligibility conditions, terms & conditions of License agreement, FDI norms, security concerns, license fee etc. The guidelines are available on the website of Ministry (www.mib.nic.in).

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has submitted some recommendations on the issues relating to DTH service such as pay per view, Multiple Dwelling Unit technology, Set Top Boxes and interoperability etc. These recommendations are available on TRAI's website (www.trai.gov.in).

(e) & (f): TRAI's recommendations on DTH service are under consideration of the Government.